Calcutta:

1. Metro Railway, Calcutta from Dum Dum Junction to Tollyganj.

Madras:

1. Rapid Transit System from Madras Beach to Luz.

(b) 1. *Mankhurd-Belapur Railway Line Project* (18 *km. length*).

Cost of this project is being shared between the State Government of Maharashtra and the Railways in the proportion of 67 per cent: 33 per cent respectively.

2. *Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri* (7.2 *km. length*).

It is being fully funded by the Railways.

(c) In New Bombay, Mankhurd-Vashi section of the Mankhurd-Belapur Railway Line Project has been opened for traffic in May, 92. Work on the balance length from Vashi to Belapur is in progress.

Agreement between AIRF and Railway Management

4531. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 23rd March, 1990 by an agreement between AIRF and Railway management it was decided that by 30th June, 1990 all the Hawkers of Northern Eastern Railway will be provided with licences;

(b) whether it is also a fact that through this scheme Northern Eastern Railway will be earning more than one crore of Rupees;

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly five thousand unemployed youth are suffering due to this delay; and

(d) if so, the reasons and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Exploitation of passengers at Railway Station, Delhi

4532. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Statesman dated 29th July, 1992 regarding looting and exploitation of Indian and Pakistani passengers by the policemen, officials and porters at Delhi Railway Station; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (I) The maintenance of law and order and security of passengers and their luggage at Delhi Railway Station is the responsibility of the Delhi Railway Police which functions under the control of the Delhi Administration.

(II) Whenever any complaint is received action is taken by the concerned authorities.

(III) As regards the alleged mis-behaviour with Journalists, an enquiry was conducted by the Delhi Railway Police and three police personnel have been placed under suspension. Instructions have been issued to all concerned to exercise effective supervision so that no passenger is subjected to any harassment.

(IV) As regards complaint against the porters, machinery exists to exercise checks against over-charging by licenced porters.

Agreement with World Bank for Railway trade

4533. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: W ill the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was entered into with the World Bank to underwrite the railway track maintenance and modernisation project and to pay 390 million dollars aid;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of aid received so far and what is the actual amount spent;

(c) what are the reasons for the non-utilisation of the amount of aid received; and

(d) when the period of the agreement expires and what are the prospects of the completion of the project besides further aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A loan agreement for US $ 390 million was entered into with World Bank for modernisation of railway track.

(b) to (d) The total loan amount of US $ 390 million is to be utilised by 31-12-93. As on 31-07-92 US $ 148.52 million have been utilised. The project execution is a continuing activity. Loan agreement may be extended further if required.

Connecting the train to Sri Ganganagar-Abohar Bhatinda

4534. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one mail train for Sri Ganganagar-Abohar-Bhatinda section connecting rest of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that for the last one year timing of this train has been changed causing 11 hours wastage and waiting causing great inconvenience to the travelling public;

(c) what steps are being taken to correct the timing;

(d) whether there is any proposal to start a mail train during day time on this section;

(e) whether it is a fact that the only mail train connecting Sri Ganganagar-Abohar-Patiala-Ambala section with the capital of Punjab Chandigarh is not operating for the last one year; and

(f) what steps are being taken for the resumption of this train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Timings of 3008 Udyan-Abha Toofan Express have been changed between Sri Ganganagar and Bhatinda due to difficult law and order situation in Punjab; the waiting time at Bhatinda being 6 hrs. and not 11 hrs.

(c) its original timings could not be restored due to difficult law and order situation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) There was no direct train running between Ambala/Chandigarh and Sri Ganganagar. Two through coaches between Kalka and Sri Ganganagar discontinued from 30-12-1991 have since been restored w.e.f. 3-8-1992.

Anomaly between traffic and commercial apprentices

4535. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anomaly prevails between the Traffic/Commercial apprentices selected before to 15th May, 1987 and those selected after 15th May, 1987;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of employees of the above categories selected perior to 15th May, 1987 and not treated at par with those selected after 15th May, 1987 in terms and fixation of pay etc.;

(d) whether it is not a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunals upheld in their judgements that the above two grades of employees should be treated equally in terms of fixation of pay etc.;

(e) whether the Railway authorities are prepared to issue general instructions to treat both the categories of employees equally in terms and wages etc; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.